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PM 942

Re: Proposed Patent Application Entitled  
IMPROVED SMOKING COMPOSITIONS of  
J. Seeman  
Your Reference: PM 703  
Our Reference: D&O-79-19

Dear Dr. Inskeep:

This is in reference to your letter of January 2nd and the attached copy of PM 942 by W. G. Chan.


We have reviewed the PM 942 subject matter and compared it with the proposed patent application which we prepared based on PM 703 by J. Seeman. Both the Chan compounds and some of the Seeman compounds can release nicotine as a pyrolysis product under smoking conditions. Except for this common characteristic, respectively they represent two different types of organic structures. The Chan compounds are 2-(3-pyridyl)pyrrolidylacetic acid derivatives, and the Seeman compounds are quaternary ammonium derivatives. We note also that the Chan compounds can be polyisopropenyl ester derivatives of 2-(3-pyridyl)pyrrolidylacetic acid.

The said Chan carboxylate compounds also differ from the Grubbs and Houminer carboxylate compounds as defined in the PM 920 (D&O-79-26) patent application now being reviewed by the inventors.

Thank you for bringing the PM 942 subject matter to our attention.

Very truly yours,

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